(a) whether Government have directed the Tobacca Board to purchase tobacco from farmers in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details of the orders issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Tobacco Board has authorised for Karnataka a crop size of 20.01 million kgs (m. kgs) in 1994-95. However, both registered and unregistered growers were permitted to sell excess tobacco resulting in total auction platform sale of 22.15 m. kgs.

एस०टी०सी० में हो रहे कदाचारों की जांच करने के लिए समिति

5846. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने विभिन्न वस्तुओं के संबंध में राज्य व्यापार निगम (एस०टी०सी०) में हो रहे कदाचारों की जांच करने के लिए एक समिति का गठन किया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या समिति ने अब काम करना शुरू कर दिया है;

(ग) निगम के किन-किन विभागों के खिलाफ सरकार को शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं;

(घ) क्या सरकार निगम के प्रबंधमंडल के खिलाफ कोई कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम): (क) से (ङ) विभिन्न वस्तुओं के आयात के बारे में समय-समय पर आरोप लगाए गए हैं। आवश्यक समझे जाने पर जांच की जाती है, और जांच अधिकारी की रिपोर्ट के आधार पर आगे की कार्रवाई की जाती है।

Satellite AIR Freight City Project

5847. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding satellite air freight city project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Satelite Air Freight City project is under consideration. A final decision has not yet been taken.

Encouraging Beedi Tobacco Cultivation in Andhra Pradesh

5848. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Tobacco Board has studied the possibility of encouraging beedi tobacco cultivation in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether non-irrigated districts of Nalgonda, Adilabad and Nizamabad are suitable for beedi tobacco cultivation; and

(d) steps proposed to increase cultivation of such tobacco in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Tobacco Board, presently, has no scheme for the production and marketing of beedi tobacco.

Exports of Electronics

5849. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total exports of electronics during 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) whether Government have establishment any Electronic Export Promotional bodies; and

(c) whether Government is considering giving subsidies to promote electronic exports?